REMARKS

Specification

The second sentence in paragraph 17 of the specification refers to "wafer holder **180**". See page 6, line 19, of the specification. For consistency in terminology used throughout the specification, the wording has been changed to --- wafer carrier **180** ---.

The third sentence in paragraph 18 of the specification refers to "slurry **155**". See page 6, line 28, of the specification. The wording has been corrected to --- slurry **150** --.

No new matter has been added.

Claims

Claims 9 and 11 have been amended to include the description "as a function of time".

Support is provided in paragraph 21. See page 7, line 21.

Support is further provided in paragraph 22. See page 8, line 1.

Support is also provided in paragraph 20. See page 7, lines 12-15.

Conclusion

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

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